Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

May 14th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The following meeting was held electronically pursuant to Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-07.

Per Ordinance No. 2020-07, Section 2.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome

Meeting called to order by Chair member Judy Fraser at 7:00 p.m.

Туре	Name	Attendance
Member	Marian Carroll	Present
Member	Fiona Davies	Present
Member, Chair	Judy Fraser	Present
Member	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member, Vice Chair	Alice Lippert	Present
Fairfax High School		Present
Liaison	Nina Ravel	
Member	Toby Sorensen	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present

2. Consideration of the February 19, 2020 and February 29, 2020 meeting minutes

Tim moved to adopt the meeting minutes, which was seconded by Alice and carried unanimously.

3. Small Area Plans

- Guests:
 - Paul Nabti, Planning Division Chief and
 - o Nandor Mitrocsak, Cunningham | Quill Architects

The City of Fairfax has been working on the development of Small Area Plans for the Old Town and Northfax Activity Centers. Paul and Nandor provided an introductory overview of the two plans. Nandor provided detailed information on the recommendations for these Activity Centers, including the overall designs, mix of uses, residential and building densities, multimodal transportation and infrastructure improvements, and open spaces.

The ESC provided input on the linear park, green spaces, native plants, watershed protection, wildlife protection, tree standards, canopy requirements, stormwater requirements, and low-impact design.

4. Development Review

- Mathy Park (10251 Main Street): The ESC submitted the development review checklist for this project in March.
- Northfax West (3570 Chain Bridge Rd): The ESC plans to submit the development review checklist for this project in June. Due to time constraints with the meeting, the ESC decided to meet on May 21st to continue discussion of this development project.
- Metro Church (3500 Pickett Road): Tim will complete the development review checklist for this project and share with the committee.
- Brown's Mazda (10570 Fairfax Blvd): No update
- George Snyder Trail: No update

5. Potential Partnership with Nature Conservancy

The ESC discussed the potential partnership with the Nature Conservancy. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, all group efforts have been cancelled. The ESC hopes to work with the Nature Conservancy in the Fall when conditions improve with the pandemic.

6. FY21 Budget Update

Stefanie provided an update on the City's FY21 budget. Multiple adjustments were made to the budget that the City Manager presented in February due to the economic challenges associated with the coronavirus. To accommodate the adjustments, some items were cut and others have been deemed "held in reserve".

7. FY20 ESC Budget

Judy shared the proposed list of purchases for the remaining FY20 ESC budget. The committee approved of the proposed purchases.

8. ESC Annual Report

The committee discussed the draft 2019 ESC Annual Report and approved the report with an amendment to add the ESC logo to the cover sheet.

9. Chairperson's items

- Public Comments Strategy: The committee agreed to move the "Public Agenda" item
 to the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to provide their comments early in
 the meeting. Public comments will continue to be limited to 3 minutes per person.
- City Council Goals: Tim will draft a proposed environmental goal for the Council to consider adding to their FY21-23 City Council goals.
- Tree Board Responsibilities: The committee will discuss this at a future meeting.

10. Committee and student representative items

None

11. City staff items

None

12. Public comments

None

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular ESC meeting is scheduled for June 4th, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

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